

THURSDAY 20 MARCH

8:30am	Conference Commences Welcome & Opening Remarks, Acknowledgement of Country Worship time
9:00am	Biblical Reflection Emily Brookes
9:20am	Session Matthew Kaemingk
10:20am	<i>Space for reflection and discussion</i>
10:30am	<i>Morning Tea</i>
11:00am	Session A Practical Conversation with Phil Leslie, NT Christian Schools
11:45am	<i>Space for reflection and discussion</i>
12:00pm	Updates from the CEN Team
12:30pm	<i>Lunch</i>
1:15pm	Session Dan Anderson
2:15pm	<i>Space for reflection and discussion</i>
2:30pm	<i>Afternoon Tea</i>
3:00pm	Workshops: 1. Leaders Stay at the Table: Showing Hospitality Matthew Kaemingk 2. Leaders Stay at the Table: Engaging with Indigenous Heritage Sam Burrows 3. Working from Rest: A Way for Leaders to Stay at the Table Julia Verdouw
4:00pm	Free time
6:30pm	Offsite Conference Dinner at Australian National Maritime Museum Speaker: Rachel Herweynen

FRIDAY 21 MARCH

8:30am	Welcome Time of Worship
8:45am	Biblical Reflection Ara Popwoski
9:00am	Session Dan Anderson
10:00am	<i>Space for reflection and discussion</i>
10:15am	<i>Morning Tea</i>
10:45am	Session Matthew Kaemingk
11:45am	<i>Space for reflection and Q&A</i>
12:15pm	Conference Close
12:30pm	<i>Lunch</i>
1:30pm	<i>[Optional]</i> <i>Make way to Parliament House for AACCS Advocacy and Policy Summit 2-9pm</i>

PRESENTERS

Rev. Matthew Kaemingk Fuller Seminary

Rev. Dr. Matthew Kaemingk is a Christian ethicist and public theologian at Fuller Seminary where he directs the Mouw Institute of Faith and Public Life. Matthew's research focuses on Christian ethics in an increasingly diverse and divided public square. He is the author of the award-winning book *Christian Hospitality and Muslim Immigration in an Age of Fear*. He is also the co-host of a groundbreaking podcast on faith and politics "Zealots at the Gate". You can learn more about his work at matthewkaemingk.com



Dr Dan Anderson Director (CEO) of the Lachlan Macquarie Institute

Dan Anderson is the Director (CEO) of the Lachlan Macquarie Institute (LMI) based in Canberra, Australia. LMI's mission is to train wise Christian leaders for politics and culture. Prior to LMI, Dan worked in Christian ministry with University students in Sydney as the Pastor/Chaplain at Robert Menzies College, Trinity Chapel, and Macquarie University, and as a campus staff worker with Christian Union in Sydney and Canberra. Dan has served on a range of Boards including as the Chair of the Australian Fellowship of Evangelical Students (AFES) and as a Board member of Emmaus Christian School (a CEN member). Dan holds a B.A. (Hons) from the ANU; B.Div from Moore College and a PhD from Macquarie University.



Dan is married to Emma and they have two children (Nat and Evie).

Sam Burrows CEN Director of Professional Learning

Sam is the Director of Professional Learning for CEN. Born and raised in New Zealand, he was previously working at Laidlaw College in Auckland as a lecturer of education and theology in the School of Social Practice. He has a broad range of teaching experience in New Zealand schools including a role as deputy principal. Sam is most interested in the intersections between theology, culture and pedagogy and how these areas interact with one another. In 2022 he completed his Masters thesis titled: "Beyond the God Within: Speaking to the Subjective Turn in the Faith and Spirituality of New Zealanders." The thesis explored current trends in spirituality in Aotearoa and the wider West, tracking the major cultural influences of these phenomena and offering a theological response.



Phil Leslie
CEO, NT Christian Schools

Phillip has lived and worked in the Northern Territory for over 40 years, following a road less travelled. He has worked in education, not for profit organisations and led government departments. Along the way he has completed post graduate studies including a Masters in International Management and an Executive Fellowship at the Crawford School of Government at ANU. Having learnt more from too many mistakes to mention than successes, Phillip is currently the CEO of NT Christian Schools.

Dr Julia Verdouw
Senior Lecturer and Research Coordinator, National Institute
for Christian Education

Julia is a Senior Lecturer at the National Institute. With a strong academic and research background, Julia currently oversees the research programs at NICE, including student and faculty research projects. She completed her PhD at the University of Tasmania and has many years of experience in research focused on policy development and sustainable communities. Julia lives in Nipulana (Hobart) at the foot of Mt Kunanyi, and has three teenage daughters. She loves making pottery, reading, writing, music and being in the bush. She also loves God and people, and is part of a missional community in Hobart called Together Church.



Ara Popowski
Principal, Circular Head Christian School

Ara Popowski is the current Principal of Circular Head Christian School in north west Tasmania, a position she commenced late 2017. As a previous Learning Support Coordinator she does have a passion for inclusive education and has served as a member of the Premier's Disability Advisory Council. Ara has been a member of AITSL's Professional Growth Network since 2016 and counts it a privilege to workshop, scrutinise and contribute on a national level in the education space.

As a small business owner (construction industry) and former dairy farmer, she brings sound knowledge and experience into the Trade Training Centre area of the school where she leads an outstanding VET program as recognised by the ATA Awards 2019. Ara has been married to her husband Roger for almost 35 years and as a mother of six adult children, grandmother of eight (so far) she has a broad range of interests and experiences that allow her to contribute positively in her school and wider community.



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Rachel Herweynen Gäwa Christian School

Creator Sets Free (Jesus) loves me and I love Him. He led my strong husband Cam and I onto Warramiri land, to join the team in Gäwa Christian School. We are part of the NT Christian Schools family. Since 2017, I have been Principal, granddaughter, mother, child, niece, and potential mother-in-law to our families here in Northeast Arnhem Land. Multiple times a day, my heart bursts with joy at what I see the Lord doing in our school and community. There are more dreams to see fulfilled and I praise God that He leads us alongside our traditional Elders and community leaders.



Emily Brooks Torrens Valley Christian School Principal

Emily Brookes is the Principal at Torrens Valley Christian School in Adelaide, South Australia, where she has previously served as Deputy Principal – Teaching & Learning and Secondary Deputy Principal. Emily is currently studying her Master of Education (Leadership) through the National Institute for Christian Education. Emily has been teaching Maths and Science for twenty-eight years in various regional and metropolitan Department and Christian schools. She thrives on learning and being challenged. (AND styling homes. AND decluttering. AND buying new books that look excellent).

